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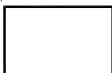
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1. Aircraft Plant No 83 is east of railroad station II in Khabarovsk (43°33' N/
135°18' E) Khabarovsk Krai. The aircraft plant extended along the railroad
line for about 2 km. It was bordered on the east by a factory airfield.
2. The following aircraft were observed at this field: Only biplanes and
single-engine low-wing monoplanes took off and landed at the factory field
up to about the summer of 1943. After that date double fuselage planes
were seen flying daily; up to late 1943 two per day, from then to late 1949
three or four per day. The double fuselage planes had in-line engines. *
3. The planes were towed to the take-off point by a tractor. Most of them
took off in a northwesterly direction, and stayed aloft for about 20 minutes,
flying circles and practicing glides and steep climbs.

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From the description and sketch it is believed that type 23 is produced at
the plant. It was not previously known where this type plane was produced,
since to date it has been seen only at Tushino airfield. This type was first
shown to the public in Tushino on Air Force Day on 25 July 1943. It was reported
in the Soviet press that it was designed by Sukhoi and that it was fitted with
K-11 radial engines. In these reports it was called a defense plane. PWs reported
that the speed of this plane almost equalled that of a Yak-9, which indicates
that it had at least two Ash-21 engines. For sketch of plane see Annex 1.

- 2 Annexes: (1) Location Sketch of Aircraft Plant No 83 in Khabarovsk
(2) Two-Fuselage Aircraft Seen in Khabarovsk

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